Performance of Defence Shipyards

2168. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: (a) the performance of public sector shipyards under the Ministry of Defence during the current year;

(b) whether they could attract orders for productivity as well as sustenance; and

(c) if not, the plans to help the shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) There are three Public Sector Shipyards udner the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence, viz. M/s Mazagon Dock Ltd., Mumbai, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd., Calcutta and Goa Shipyard Ltd., Goa. The Value of Production of these Shipyards upto 30th Septemenr 1999 was Rs. 539.64 crore. The physical performance is related to the target of production for the year in respect of each vessel under construction in different yards. All efforts are made to reach the targetted production during the year.

The orders for Defence Shipyards come from the Indian Navy, the Coast Guard and the civil sector. In order to esnure long term sustainability of capacity created in these Shipyards, a medium term perspective Plan has been prepared for each Shipyard. The plans for modernisation, human resource development, adequate utilisation of capacity, etc. have been incorporated in these Perspective Plans.

Army Training Programmes with US, UK, Australia

†2169. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-start army training programmes with U.S.A., Britain and Australia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the training programmes are likely to be re-started?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Training cooperation between India, the USA and Britain, which were suspended following the imposition of sanctions in May, 1998 have been resumed following the partial lifting of the sanctions. The defence training cooperation programme between India and the USA is udner the United States Inter-national Military Education Training Programme (USIMETP) Scheme and with the United Kingdom udner the United Kingdom Military Trainign Assistance Scheme (UKMTAS). At present, officers from UK and USA are also attending the Defence Services Staff Course at Wellington. There is yet, no decision for resumption of training cooperation with Australia.

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